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Dear Sir,

I thought it would be of interest to you to read the enclosed copies of correspondence. As an ACS member for more than a quarter century I was surprised to learn that a group of individuals were taking it upon themselves, under the alleged aegis of the ACS, to pass judgment on motives and intentions behind research efforts of American scientists.

I would like very much to know whether they have ACS support and encouragement for their political activism. If they do, then as I mentioned in my enclosed letter to the Director of the City of Hope, I think they need guidance on ways and means. If they don't have such support they should not be involving ACS and should be so informed.

I will be most interested in hearing from you. My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

R. Quentin Blackwell

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